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General Comment

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Water Docket, Mailcode: 28221T
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Chesapeake Bay TMDL -- Docket no. EPA-R03-OW-2010-0736

RE: Chapman Forest Foundation

Dear Administrator Jackson:

The Chapman Forest Foundation is a 501c(3) origination with the mission The mission of to work to protect the

natural and cultural resources of Chapman Forest, to protect its forests from fragmentation, to maintain its value for historical and archaeological research and interpretation, to protect its authentic setting, and to provide public access, education, and research opportunities consistent with that protection. We have been working to protect water quality in the Mattawoman Creek for over twenty years and are pleased that the effort to clean up the bay with voluntary efforts has now taken the move toward the mandatory approach of enforcing pollution limits that levels the playing field across states. Mattawoman has had an approved TMDL since 2005, and the TMDL clearly isn't working with present voluntary policies. Strong enforcement policies are justified. We would like to incorporate the Mattawoman Watershed Society's comments by reference.

We would like to draw attention to the Mattawoman Creek, which mirrors the plight of the Bay and is a case study of why a new approach is needed.) Warnings of Mattawoman's sensitivity to development have been raised by biologists for at least twenty years, but these warning have never been acted upon. Now unfortunately, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources reports that the fish populations are showing signs of decline—clearly, the old voluntary approach isn't working.

We ask the EPA to use the value, venerability and the opportunity for protection and restoration of Mattawonan Creek as a poster child for the opportunity for the protection and restoration of the entire Chesapeake Bay.

Sincerely,